

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1951 was estimated to be 585,475, comprising 300,999 Males and 284,476 Females.

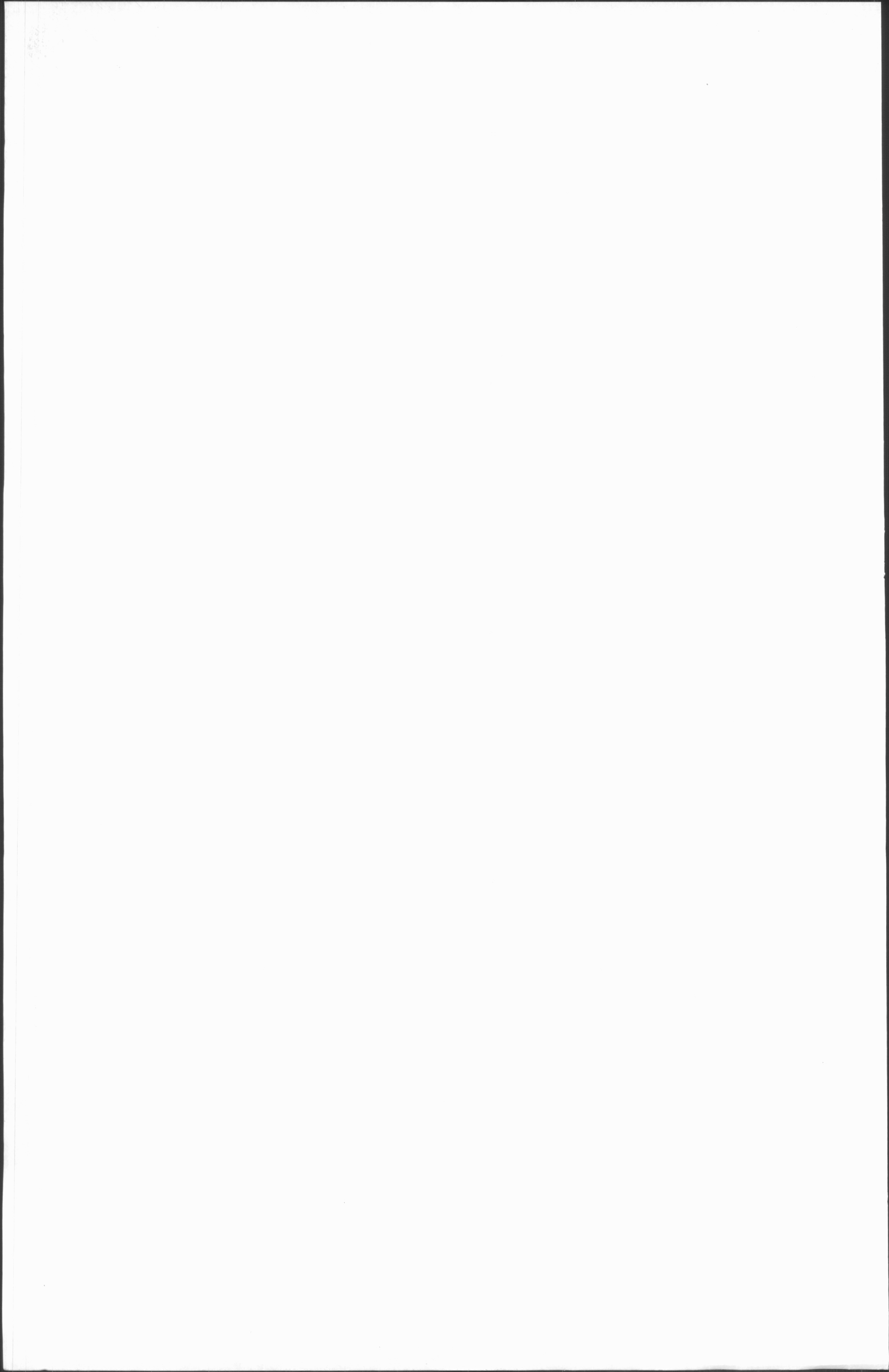
The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1950 was 309,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>JANUARY.</u>		<u>12 Months ended</u> <u>DECEMBER.</u>	
	1952	1951	1951	1950
Marriages - Number.	573	524	5,388	5,434
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	11.44	10.74	9.27	9.73
Births - Number.	1,357	1,259	14,794	14,228
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	27.10	25.82	25.45	25.47
Deaths - Number.	434	419	5,289	5,058
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.67	8.59	9.10	9.05
Infant Mortality - Number.	45	60	425	386
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	33.16	47.66	28.73	27.13
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	6	4	84	129
Cancer	60	53	683	670
Influenza.	-	-	27	32
Diphtheria.	-	1	11	7
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	53	43	594	531
Arteriosclerosis.	21	13	210	143
Diseases of the Heart.	122	112	1,701	1,526
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia.	24	19	190	187
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	4	8	64	50
Nephritis.	9	7	87	110
Diseases of Early Infancy.	28	33	265	228
Senility.	3	3	31	41
Accidents.	30	42	376	408
All Other Causes.	74	81	966	996
Total.	434	419	5,289	5,058

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February totalled 138,229 acres, an increase of 17,583 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 290,002 acres, a decrease of 205,347.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of FEBRUARY.		8 Months ended FEBRUARY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	2,540,526	2,013,268	21,036,667	16,803,500
Revenue per Head of Population.	£4. 5. 9	£3. 9.11	£35. 16. 6	£29. 12.11
Expenditure.	2,827,825	2,233,260	22,191,198	17,439,916
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£4. 15. 6	£3. 17. 8	£37. 15.10	£30. 15. 4

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 29th February amounted to £46,348,005 or £78. 3. 2d. per head of population as against £40,464,488 or £70. 5. 7d. per head as at the 28th February last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

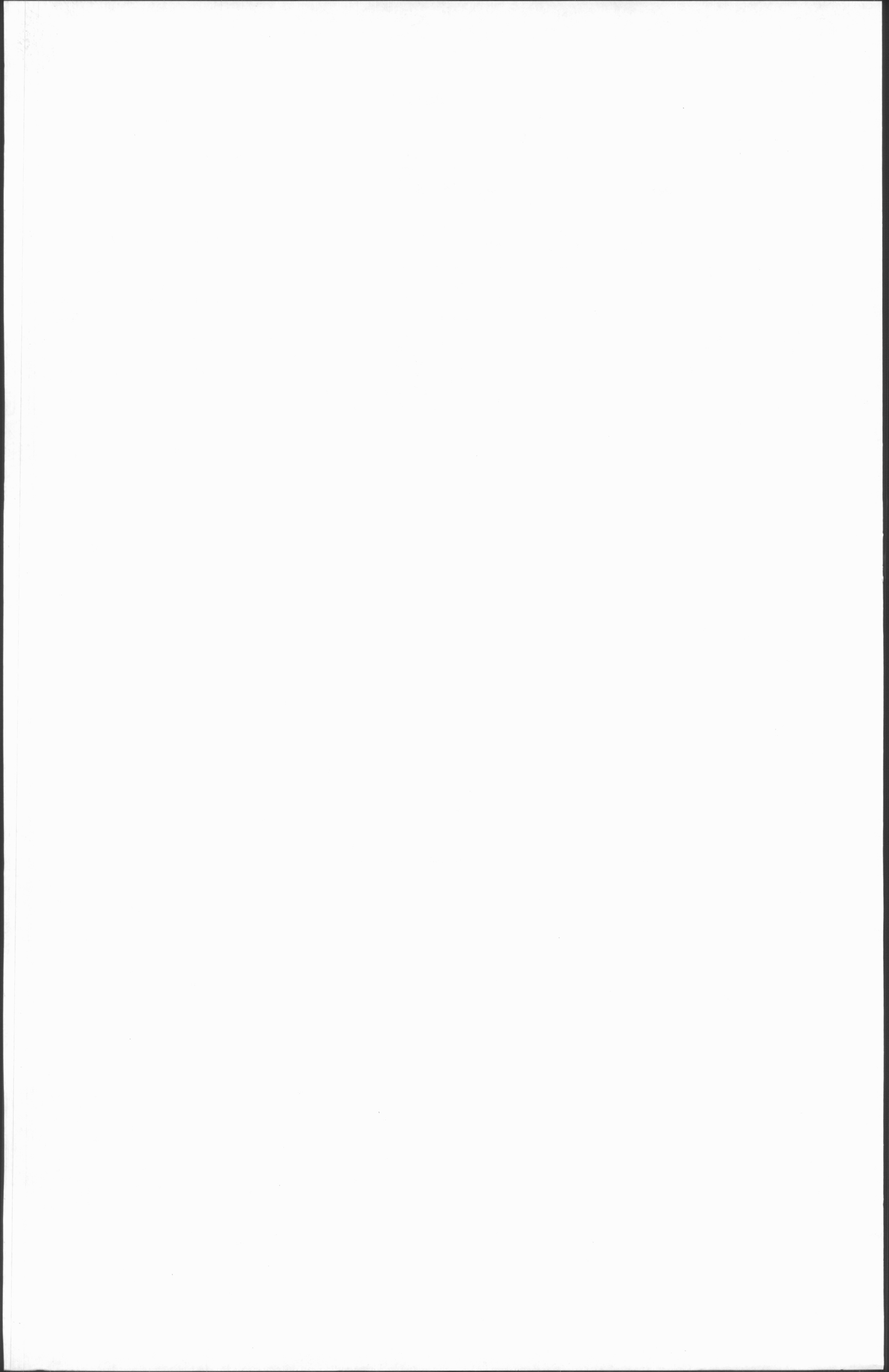
The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 27th February, 1952 amounted to £13,244,997 compared with £13,917,442 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		FEBRUARY.		8 Months ended FEBRUARY.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,843	2,136	15,401	16,245
	£.	2,378,087	2,796,564	20,474,286	18,056,266
Mortgages.	No.	1,233	1,270	10,443	11,377
	£.	1,580,218	1,532,118	14,374,129	14,281,415
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	912	1,018	7,420	7,685

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross).	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Eight months ended February, 1951.	19,182,635	13,580,639	37,344,913	1,927,815
Eight months ended February, 1952.	23,404,132	18,159,920	55,671,852	3,580,673
Month of February - 1951.	2,031,896	1,810,994	5,282,051	227,940
Month of February - 1952.	2,293,158	1,711,663	6,729,805	508,531



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

51 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £2,281,500, and 46 Foreign Companies were registered during the eight months ended February, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 81 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,324,000, and 31 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	8 Months ended FEBRUARY.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	13	29,267	31,457	20	64,665	34,954
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	8	20,415	11,728	11	27,274	28,892
Deeds of Arrangement.	1	1,978	1,015	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		JANUARY.		7 Months ended JANUARY.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Gross Earnings. (a) *	£	798,600	569,800	5,645,600	3,965,700
Working Expenses.(a)	£	877,458	752,071	6,085,397	4,768,425
Train Miles Run.	No.	629,508	596,000	4,256,131	4,202,096
Motor Bus Miles Run.	No.	(b) 162,733	(b) 157,304	(c) 1,055,931	(c) 939,031
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train.	No.	868,959	882,298	6,370,535	6,336,262
Motor Bus.	No.	51,726	52,069	340,135	310,989
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods.		260,852	259,225	1,784,166	1,665,690
Livestock.		10,466	12,904	87,133	97,138
Departmental. (Free Freight).		61,942	74,770	465,641	486,583
Total.		333,260	346,899	2,336,940	2,249,411
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods.		42,323,114	39,110,100	275,372,246	256,797,086
Livestock.		1,219,189	1,493,529	11,365,795	12,391,560
Departmental. (Free Freight).		7,694,585	8,199,193	54,299,577	59,003,823
Total.		51,236,888	48,802,822	341,037,618	328,192,469

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 12th January, 1952.

(c) Period ended 12th January, 1952.

* Figures liable to revision.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
February, 1952.	6,680	379	80,660	10,901
February, 1951.	6,158	324	61,169	8,335
2 Months ended February, 1952.	12,463	793	165,889	20,592
2 Months ended February, 1951.	12,070	824	135,939	18,478

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES).

	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950.	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951.	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 - January.	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 - June.	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
1949 - June.	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
1950 - June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December.	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
1951 - June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
December.	35,585	15,586	498	9,721	59,085	47,936	932	15,171
1952 - January.	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for January, 1952:-
109 Cars; 744 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA.)

Trade of Western Australia, January 1952 and 1951, and seven months ended
January 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS. (Including Ships' Stores).			
	JANUARY.		7 Months ended JANUARY.		JANUARY.		7 Months ended JANUARY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Oversea.	£'000. 8,085	£'000. 4,398	£'000 37,491	£'000 23,214	£'000 5,237	£'000 10,453	£'000 45,315	£'000 51,959
Interstate.	4,726	3,159	36,928	26,383	1,177	748	6,855	4,630
Total	12,811	7,557	74,419	49,597	6,414	11,201	52,170	56,589

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields and Rest of State.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
29th January, 1952.	£. s. d. 10. 14. 1	£. s. d. 6. 19. 2	£. s. d. 10. 13. 8	£. s. d. 6. 18. 11	£. s. d. 10. 19. 8	£. s. d. 7. 2. 9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars.	FEBRUARY.		8 Months ended FEBRUARY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	26,965	22,863	210,664	177,657
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	23,383	20,999	183,009	162,845

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1951 -										
March Qr.	442	583	780	1,255	8	26	82	189	1,312	2,053
June Qr.	425	571	1,002	1,629	5	20	143	301	1,575	2,521
Sept. Qr.	422	612	1,099	1,790	15	295	93	243	1,629	2,940
Dec. Qr.	624	1,069	1,256	2,295	12	118	115	253	2,007	3,735

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period.	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material		Total.	
	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000	No.	Value. £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1951 -										
March Qr.	447	877	93	88	613	803	21	22	1,174	1,790
June Qr.	507	1,027	106	110	678	923	65	63	1,356	2,123
Sept. Qr.	504	1,071	116	120	722	1,080	38	44	1,380	2,315
Dec. Qr.	697	1,585	138	207	920	1,435	66	89	1,821	3,316

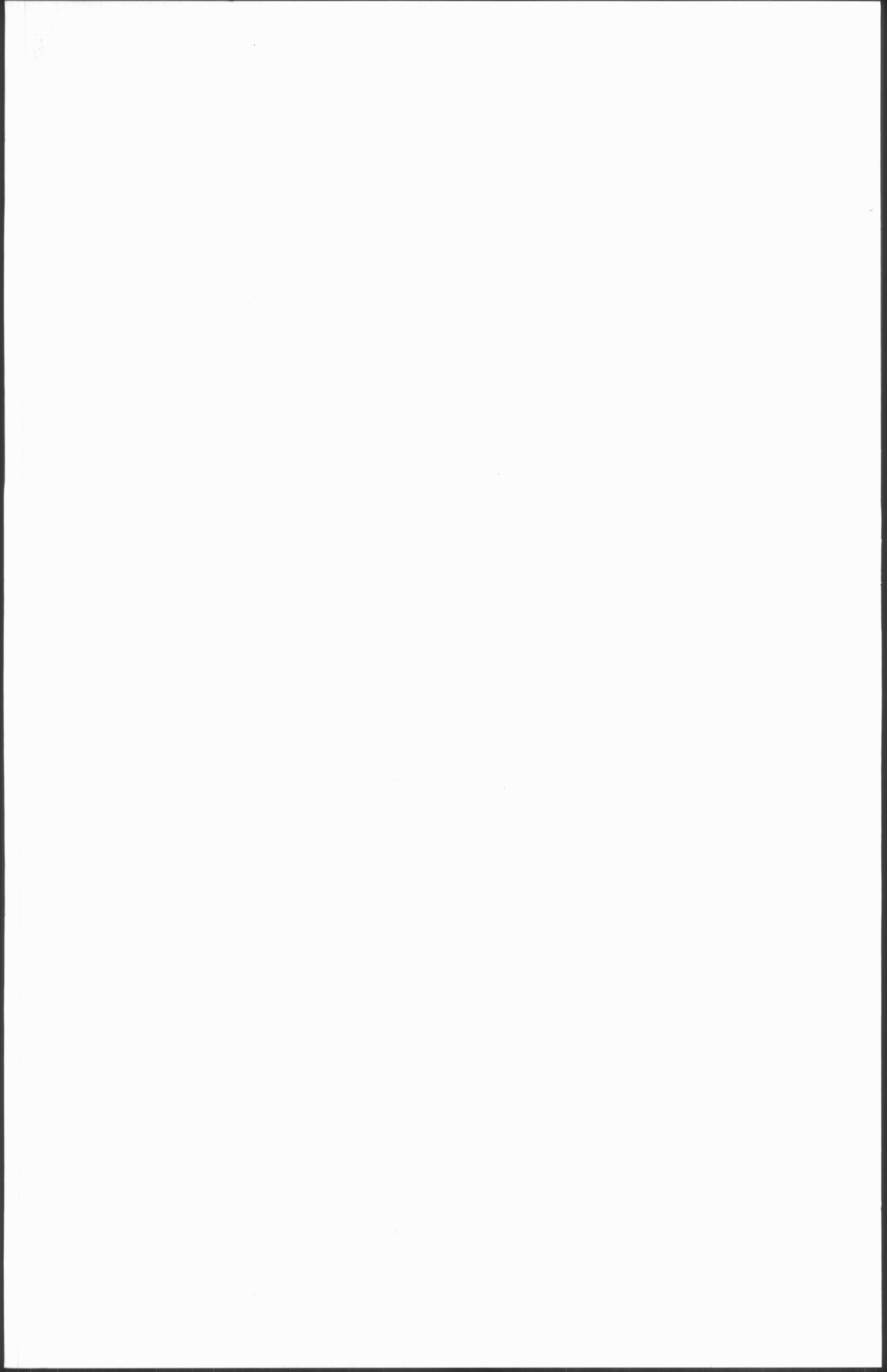
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

857,825 lbs. were produced during January, 1952, and 12,395,015 lbs. for the seven months ended January, 1952 as against 1,082,268 lbs. and 12,645,659 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	FEBRUARY.		2 Months ended FEBRUARY.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Quantity Fine Ozs.	47,632	51,149	103,777	102,335
Value (Aust. Currency). £.	737,891	792,959	1,607,673	1,585,349

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1951 amounted to £1,000,469. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £1,196,088.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended DECEMBER.		DECEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months ended DECEMBER.	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Metropolitan Area.	2133	1707	1963	1597	1989	1607	1860	1538
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2285	1833	2105	1728	2078	1706	1940	1636
Northam.	2175	1708	1995	1613	1991	1614	1870	1550
Bunbury.	2178	1733	1991	1610	2012	1633	1870	1559
Geraldton.	2217	1739	2033	1636	2090	1686	1956	1611
Collie.	2174	1731	1991	1611	1916	1548	1785	1477

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1951			1952		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128			
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690			
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514			
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357			
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848			
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094			
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077			
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840			
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248			
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113			
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	• FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1948	1949	1950(a)	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.	171	179	194	206	209	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	209		1249	1358	1387	1495	
March.	176	186	200	209		1264	1371	1415	1513	
April.	176	187	200	209		1264	1377	1415	1508	
May.	177	187	203	210		1277	1354	1418	1500	
June.	177	187	202	211		1277	1362	1429	1517	
July.	177	182	202	211		1301	1381	1423	1517	
August.	179	189	202	211		1294	1377	1419	1510	
September.	180	190	203	208		1302	1365	1428	1518	
October.	180	191	204	210		1318	1375	1431	1522	
November.	182	192	205	211		1349	1402	1450	1537	
December.	182	194	204	209		1385	1470	1531	1587	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1950 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

